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In re Application of :
Deem et al. :
Application No. 10/630,473 : LETTER REGARDING
Filed: July 29, 2003 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket No. 38349-0103H :

This letter is in response to the "LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO COMMENT 43 OF THE FINAL RULE" filed September 8, 2006.

The request for correction of the initial determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is **DISMISSED**.

Applicants request review of the patent term adjustment calculations as it pertains to the Office's withdrawal of issuance, after payment of the Issue Fee, and the subsequent mailing of Interview Summary and second Notice of Allowance.

As stated in comment 43 of the Final Rule, practitioners are under a duty to disclose to the Office an error in their favor in the calculation of patent term adjustment. For example, if a registered practitioner receives determination that the application is eligible for a 1,500 day adjustment and the practitioner is not sure exactly what the adjustment should be, but believes that the adjustment should be 1,000 days, the practitioner does have a duty to disclose the error to the Office, regardless of whether the issue fee is paid using the Office-generated form (PTOL-85B) or an attorney-generated equivalent. In order to comply with this duty and where the correct adjustment is thought to be less than indicated by the Office, an application for term adjustment under 1.705(b) need not be filed. Instead, a letter could be filed with the issue

fee payment, indicating that the term adjustment is thought to be longer than appropriate.

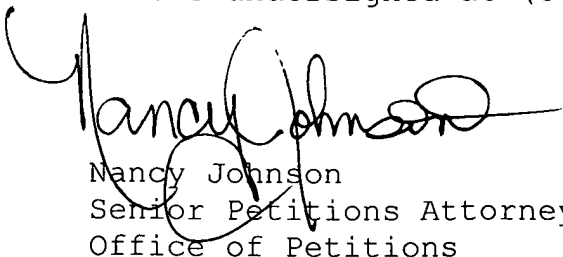
Practitioner's disclosure has been considered. However, the circumstances of the withdrawal from issuance do not warrant reduction of the patent term adjustment. By Notice mailed March 20, 2006, the Office withdrew the application from issuance under 37 CFR 1.313 to permit reopening of prosecution, due to newly discovered references. On June 19, 2006, the Office mailed a new Notice of Allowance and Interview Summary. Such action by the Office does not warrant reduction of the patent term adjustment. Further, with respect to this event, the record does not indicate that applicant took any action warranting reduction of patent term adjustment.

In view thereof, it is concluded that the determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance of ZERO (0) days is correct.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in applicant's favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The Office of Patent Publication has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for issuance of the application.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.



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Enclosure: Copy of adjusted PAIR calculation

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